



UNAPPROVED PARTS NOTIFICATION

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AFFECTED PARTS

Various aircraft parts.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this notification is to advise all aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, and parts distributors regarding the unapproved status of aircraft parts sold by Standby Parts, Inc., an aircraft parts distributor.

BACKGROUND

Information received during joint investigations conducted by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Department of Transportation – Office of Inspector General, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed that between September 1999 and April 2002, Standby Parts, Inc. (Standby Parts), a parts distributor previously located at 120 Penn Street, El Segundo, CA 90245, sold aircraft parts using fraudulently produced documents.

Evidence indicated that Standby Parts made or caused to be made invoices, part certifications, and FAA 8130-3 Airworthiness Tags that contained false statements regarding the actual condition of aircraft parts. Between September 1999 and April 2002, Standby Parts purchased various aircraft parts known to be in a “repairable” or “as is” condition. Through Daniel Larue Booker, an FAA Designated Airworthiness Representative (DAR), and George G. Thompson, owner of TATCO, a repair station, Standby Parts obtained FAA 8130-3 tags that falsely represented the parts as being in a new condition. Some of the parts inspected and approved for return to service by TATCO were outside the repair station’s ratings and limitations. Some of the FAA 8130-3 tags issued by Daniel Booker were for parts never inspected by the DAR.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Regulations require that type-certified products conform to their type design and be properly maintained. Aircraft owners, operators, manufacturers, maintenance organizations, and parts distributors should inspect their aircraft and/or parts inventory for aircraft parts sold by Standby Parts between September 1999 and April 2002. If any are found installed on aircraft, appropriate action should be taken. If any are found in existing aircraft stock, it is recommended that they be quarantined to prevent installation until a determination can be made regarding their eligibility for installation.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information concerning this investigation, and guidance regarding the above-referenced parts, can be obtained from the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) shown below. The FAA would appreciate any information regarding the discovery of the above-referenced parts from any source, the means used to identify the source, and the actions taken to remove the parts from aircraft and/or stock.

This notice originated from the FAA Los Angeles FSDO, 2250 East Imperial Highway, Suite 140, El Segundo, CA 90245, telephone (310) 215-2150, FAX (310) 649-5680; and was published through the FAA Suspected Unapproved Parts Program Office, AVS-20, telephone (703) 668-3720, FAX (703) 481-3002.